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RESPOND UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1633

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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Hanley, Jr. et al.  
Appl. No.: 09/560,288  
Filed: April 27, 2000  
For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING HUMAN  
INTERVERTEBRAL DISC CELLS

Group No.: 1633  
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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))

- This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of three (3) months to respond to the Office Action dated May 9, 2000.
- Applicant is ☒ a small entity; ☐ other than a small entity.
- Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(a)(5)):

Total Months Requested	Fee For Other Than Small Entity	Fee for Small Entity
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$110.00	\$55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$400.00	\$200.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> three months	\$920.00	\$460.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,440.00	\$720.00
<input type="checkbox"/> five months*	\$1,960.00	\$980.00

\*Cannot be used to exceed six-month statutory limit for response to an Official Action.

Fee Enclosed \$460.00

- ☒ Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for any additional extension and/or fee required or credit for any excess fee paid.

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